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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8263

INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, IN

SUBJ: GENERATOR PROBLEM

REF: STATE 084680

1. WHAT THE EMBASSY IS DOING IS NOT DEVELOPING A COMPROMISE PACKAGE OF ITS OWN BUT TRYING TO GET HYDE AND COMPANY TO COME UP WITH A CREDIBLE OFFER THAT WE CAN SUBMIT TO THE GOI WITH A STRAIGHT FACE. SINCE THE PROPOSAL (NEW DELHI 4761) CAME FROM HYDE, IT MUST PERFORCE BE "AT LEAST REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO HYDE, SEABOARD AND ATLANTIC." WE HAVEN'T MADE A MOVE ON THIS ONE YET, AND WE DON'T INTEND TO SUBMIT ANYTHING TO THE GOI WITHOUT DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE.

2. AS FAR AS THE AIR FREIGHT SETTLEMENT GOES, THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA ARE STILL PLAYING PING PONG. IF ANYBODY THINKS THERE IS ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS SORT OF A GAME IN INDIA, LET HIM TALK TO ANYBODY WHO DOES BUSINESS HERE. WE AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL BOMBAY ARE DOING OUT DAMNEDEST TO STRAIGHTEN IT OUT, PROBABLY AT THE EXPENSE OF USING UP AMMUNITION

WITH THE GOI THAT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF ANYHOW AND COULD WELL USE ON OTHER PROBLEMS. WE THINK IT WOULD BE TIDIER TO GET THIS PROBLEM SOLVED BEFORE CONCENTRATING ON THE RELEASE OF THE FUNDS FOR THE GENERATORS PER SE. HOWEVER, TO SAVE TIME WE ARE PROCEEDING ON BOTH FRONTS AT ONCE. ON RELEASE OF FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE GENERATORS, THE BALL IS IN HYDE'S COURT. WE ARE WAITING FOR AREEN
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TO COME BACK WITH ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS WE RAISED ON

HYDE'S LATEST "COMPROMISE" (UASELHI RUHQ)#

3. WE WOULD STILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW IF SEABOARD HAS BEEN
PAID.
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